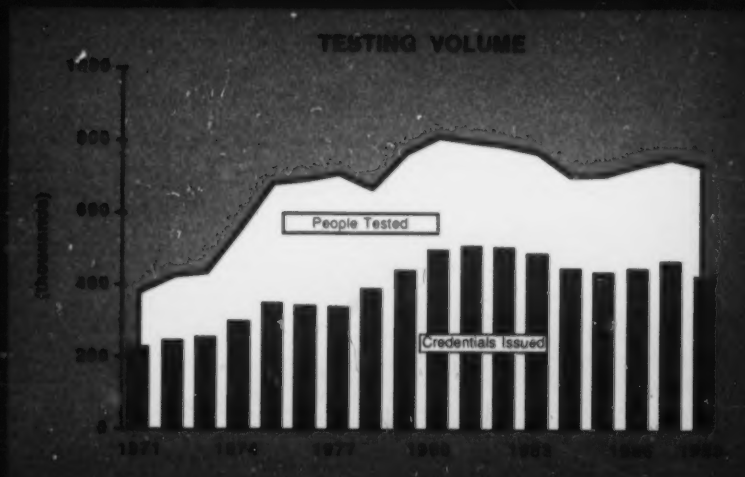


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Report Summary

This report includes data collected from each participating department of education and the GED Testing Service for testing conducted during calendar year 1988. In addition, comparative data for 1949–1988 are included in **Tables 7 and 8**.

During 1988 **736,655** people—3% less than 1987—took the GED Tests. As a result of testing conducted at over 3,400 testing locations, **471,498** examinees earned scores that qualified them for an equivalency credential.

Approximately 72% of the examinees who completed the test battery in 1988 earned scores sufficient to qualify for the equivalency credential awarded by their state, territory, or province. Departments and ministries of education in the United States and Canada awarded **430,335** credentials—down 9% from 1987—based on GED Test results.

The decline in testing volume and credentials may reflect the introduction of revised GED Tests during 1988. The new tests, which include an essay may cause some adults to remain longer in instructional programs while others may simply not take the tests.

According to **TABLE 2**, the average age of the 1988 examinees was 26.7 years. Over 30% of the examinees were 19 years or younger, 39% were between 20 and 29 years; 18% were between 30 and 39 years; and about 11% were over 40 years old.

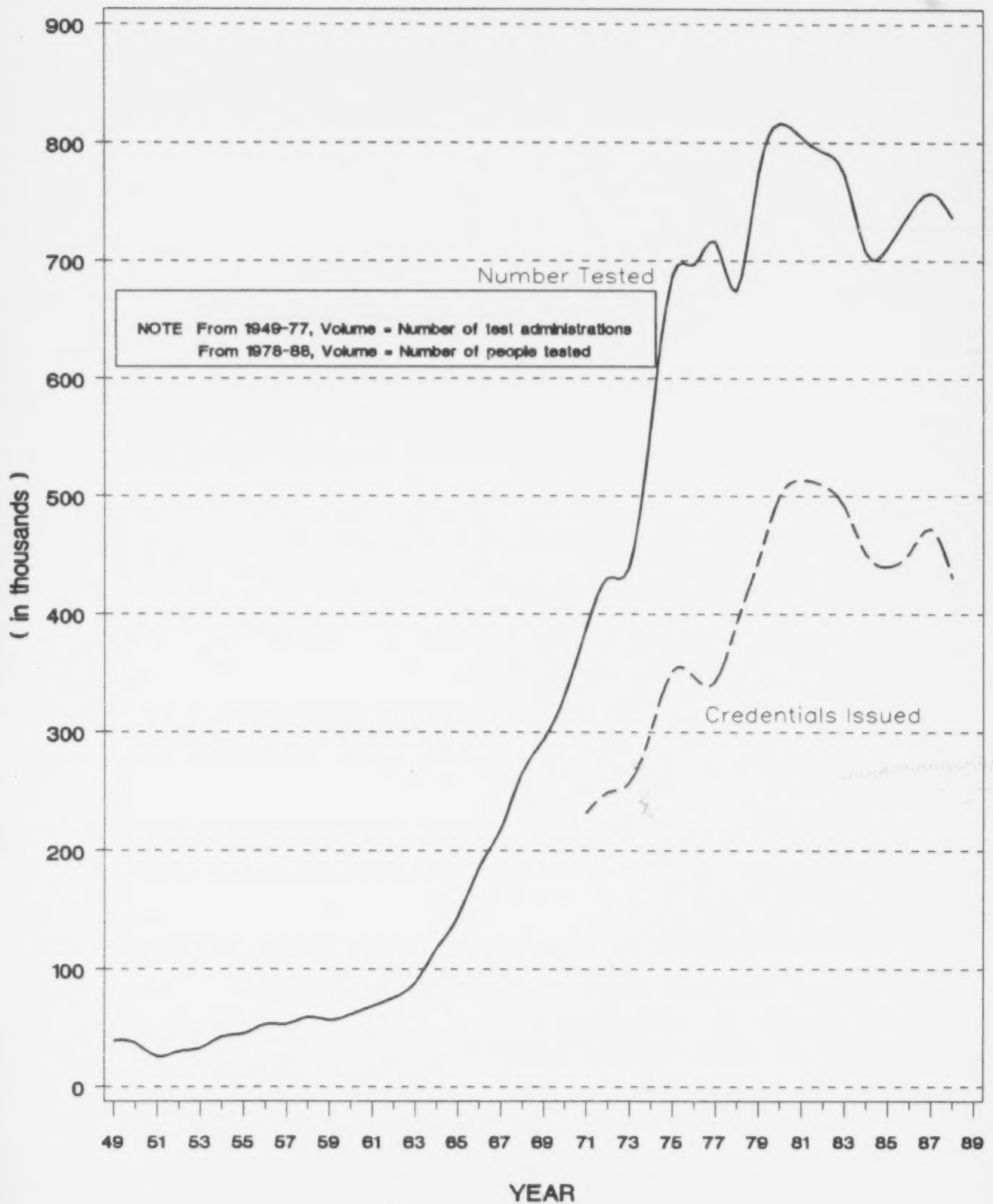
TABLE 3 shows that during 1988, 702,594 people took an English language edition of the tests; 30,601 took a Spanish language edition; and 1,808 took a French language edition. Approximately 1652 people took a special edition of the battery (i.e. audio cassette, Braille or large print). This is an increase of 88% over 1987; most of this increase reflects the efforts of a few very active local testing centers. The special editions are available in all testing jurisdictions.

The examinees, reported in **TABLE 4**, completed an average of 9.9 years of schooling. In **TABLE 5**, nearly half of the examinees reported they were planning to continue their education or training beyond the high school level.

TABLE 6 shows the number of high school equivalency credentials issued by each jurisdiction since 1971. In the United States, the states with the largest increases in the number of GED diplomas included: Indiana (52%), Nevada (28%), Ohio (22%), and Idaho (21%). In Canada, the largest increase in the number of GED diplomas occurred in British Columbia (29%). These credentials are accepted by more than 90% of the colleges and universities and by most employers to satisfy requirements for a secondary education credential.

The statistics in this report demonstrate that the GED testing program continues to offer a substantial number of people the opportunity to qualify for a high school equivalency credential. Since 1971, the program has enabled **over seven million adults** to obtain formal recognition of their educational development through their attainment of a high school equivalency credential.

Figure 1. Volume of GED Testing
1949 - 1988



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TABLE 1. Testing Volumes by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Number of People Who				Met Score Requirements Number %
		Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Yrs	Completed Part of Battery	—	
Alabama	9,805	8,303	1,457	45	6,486	66.5
Alaska	2,429	1,790	153	486	1,736	89.3
Arizona	13,037	11,931	509	597	9,098	73.1
Arkansas	9,411	7,837	1,574	0	6,375	67.7
California	56,548	41,803	2,215	12,530	34,808	79.1
Colorado	9,211	7,192	692	1,327	6,449	81.8
Connecticut	6,107	4,794	869	444	4,213	74.4
Delaware	1,277	1,076	194	7	672	52.9
District of Columbia	1,197	1,145	52	0	461	38.5
Florida	35,981	33,804	1,358	819	21,825	62.1
Georgia	19,033	15,316	1,845	1,872	11,321	66.0
Hawaii	2,272	1,798	364	110	1,389	64.2
Idaho	3,628	2,145	65	1,418	2,076	93.9
Illinois	30,231	23,581	4,671	1,979	18,521	65.6
Indiana	13,472	12,206	874	392	10,395	79.5
Iowa	6,902	4,319	305	2,278	4,087	88.4
Kansas	9,367	7,060	603	1,704	6,363	83.0
Kentucky	21,474	17,145	2,771	1,558	12,885	64.7
Louisiana	10,566	9,705	801	60	8,592	81.8
Maine	4,500	3,674	156	670	3,664	95.7
Maryland	11,580	7,831	2,505	1,244	5,444	52.7
Massachusetts	16,021	11,960	1,245	2,816	10,856	82.2
Michigan	27,563	15,457	5,232	6,874	13,056	63.1
Minnesota	7,183	4,391	461	2,331	4,311	88.8
Mississippi	9,752	8,490	1,122	140	6,189	64.4
Missouri	12,024	9,394	1,114	1,516	8,391	79.9
Montana	2,629	2,097	235	297	1,807	77.5
Nebraska	3,745	2,477	98	1,170	2,428	94.3
Nevada	2,410	2,232	71	107	1,752	76.1
New Hampshire	2,226	1,973	102	151	1,739	83.8
New Jersey	15,918	12,334	2,187	1,397	9,625	66.3
New Mexico	6,949	4,991	638	1,320	4,394	78.1
Totals						
USA + Territories	701,314	539,421	77,652	84,241	446,028	72.3
Canada	20,859	16,734	3,775	350	14,563	71.0
GED Testing Service	14,482	12,836	829	817	10,907	79.8
Program Total	736,655	568,991	82,256	85,408	471,498	72.4

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TABLE 1. Testing Volumes by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	— Number of People Who —				Met Score Requirements Number %
		Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Yrs	Completed Part of Battery		
New York	67,639	45,600	17,029	5,010	38,922	62.1 ¹
North Carolina	19,705	13,535	2,583	3,587	13,604	84.4
North Dakota	1,266	815	78	373	808	90.5
Ohio	22,151	19,922	2,080	149	17,125	77.8
Oklahoma	5,801	5,546	189	66	3,677	64.1
Oregon	10,264	7,499	663	2,102	7,731	94.7
Pennsylvania	18,491	14,517	2,513	1,461	11,601	68.1
Rhode Island	3,271	2,154	241	876	1,808	75.5
South Carolina	6,529	6,011	461	57	4,597	71.0
South Dakota	2,413	1,614	145	654	1,420	80.7
Tennessee	19,754	17,119	2,459	176	12,551	64.1
Texas	71,161	54,296	4,690	12,175	46,947	79.6
Utah	4,154	3,519	280	355	3,057	80.5
Vermont	1,987	1,166	264	557	1,198	83.8
Virginia	14,920	12,304	2,616	0	9,133	61.2
Washington	15,165	10,376	894	3,895	9,744	86.5
West Virginia	7,762	6,457	724	581	4,939	68.8
Wisconsin	8,144	3,423	1,144	3,577	2,741	60.0
Wyoming	1,780	1,261	49	470	1,224	93.4
VA Hospitals	690	509	41	140	473	86.0
American Samoa	15	15	0	0	14	93.3
Guam	172	101	70	1	62	36.3
Micronesia	109	71	22	16	30	32.3
Puerto Rico	13,314	11,207	1,803	304	11,098	85.3
Virgin Islands	209	133	76	0	116	55.5
USA + Territories	701,314	539,421	77,652	84,241	446,028	72.3
Totals						
Canada	20,859	16,734	3,775	350	14,563	71.0
GED Testing Service	14,482	12,836	829	817	10,907	79.8
Program Total	736,655	568,991	82,256	85,408	471,498	72.4

¹The number of people tested for New York include who took the tests more than once during the year. This figure is not comparable with rates for other jurisdictions.

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TABLE 1. Testing Volumes by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	— Number of People Who —				Met Score	
		Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Yrs	Completed Part of Battery	Requirements Number	%	
Alberta	3,811	3,348	463	0	2,649	69.5	
British Columbia	5,703	2,814	2,661	228	4,495	82.1	
Manitoba	2,096	1,908	136	52	1,435	70.2	
New Brunswick	2,661	2,300	331	30	1,636	62.2	
Newfoundland	743	685	51	7	517	70.2	
Northwest Territories	114	107	7	0	66	57.9	
Nova Scotia	2,877	2,808	64	5	1,716	59.7	
Prince Edward Island	205	191	10	4	190	94.5	
Saskatchewan	2,439	2,372	43	24	1,676	69.4	
Yukon Territory	45	38	7	0	34	75.6	
Canadian Military	165	163	2	0	149	90.3	
Canada	20,859	16,734	3,775	350	14,563	71.0	
Am. Civ. Overseas	1,135	1,043	46	46	846	77.7	
Corr. & Health Instit	4,600	4,079	391	130	3,722	83.3	
US Military Overseas	2,492	2,210	136	146	2,055	87.6	
For. Natn'ls Overseas	471	438	27	6	91	19.6	
CONUS Military	5,784	5,066	229	489	4,193	79.2	
GED Testing Service	14,482	12,836	829	817	10,907	79.8	
Totals							
USA + Territories	701,314	539,421	77,652	84,241	446,028	72.3	
Program Total	736,655	568,991	82,256	85,408	471,498	72.4	

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TABLE 2. Percent Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%)									Average Age
	-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
Alabama	8.0	36.4	20.5	11.9	8.3	5.0	6.3	2.7	0.8	24.9
Alaska	17.4	26.8	22.1	13.3	8.6	4.6	5.2	1.8	0.3	24.0
Arizona	18.2	26.6	23.3	12.2	7.7	4.3	5.3	1.9	0.4	23.9
Arkansas	9.7	18.5	19.9	15.5	11.9	8.6	10.8	4.0	1.2	28.2
California	8.1	30.8	24.8	15.1	9.4	5.3	4.6	1.5	0.4	24.5
Colorado	13.5	25.2	23.4	14.3	9.8	5.4	5.8	2.1	0.6	25.0
Connecticut	3.5	27.2	26.1	14.9	10.5	7.0	7.6	2.4	0.9	26.4
Delaware	7.4	22.4	25.0	14.2	11.3	5.9	11.3	2.5	0.1	26.9
District of Columbia	6.8	21.4	28.2	16.9	12.4	6.1	5.4	2.0	0.9	26.0
Florida	6.3	29.2	25.4	11.3	7.8	5.1	5.6	2.3	7.0	27.2
Georgia	9.4	26.9	22.6	12.7	10.3	6.9	7.8	2.7	0.6	26.0
Hawaii	26.5	26.6	18.4	12.0	8.1	4.5	2.7	0.8	0.5	22.7
Idaho	18.7	24.9	19.5	12.6	8.7	5.6	6.6	2.5	0.9	25.0
Illinois	2.5	18.9	24.9	16.9	13.1	8.7	9.5	4.5	1.0	28.5
Indiana	2.7	18.4	23.2	16.0	12.9	8.9	12.3	4.5	1.1	29.2
Iowa	16.4	23.1	22.1	12.8	9.3	5.4	7.3	3.0	0.6	25.5
Kansas	11.7	22.0	22.4	16.0	10.8	6.6	6.7	3.0	0.8	26.1
Kentucky	7.1	19.9	20.5	15.0	12.3	8.8	11.0	4.4	1.0	28.4
Louisiana	22.8	29.0	17.7	10.1	8.0	5.0	4.9	1.8	0.5	23.6
Maine	9.3	24.3	20.6	14.3	9.8	4.6	7.0	6.3	3.8	28.0
Maryland	9.6	24.8	26.9	10.8	9.4	6.7	6.9	4.3	0.6	26.2
Massachusetts	10.7	21.9	26.8	15.4	10.3	6.1	6.1	1.9	0.7	25.5
Michigan	5.1	29.9	25.0	13.9	9.7	6.5	6.5	2.7	0.8	25.8
Minnesota	8.6	27.0	25.7	15.6	8.9	5.4	5.2	2.5	1.0	25.3
Mississippi	13.3	27.1	20.3	12.2	10.3	6.3	6.9	2.9	0.6	25.5
Missouri	10.3	28.0	22.5	12.8	9.9	5.7	7.3	2.7	0.7	25.6
Montana	7.3	29.5	24.2	12.4	8.7	5.1	8.6	3.5	0.8	26.0
Nebraska	8.2	25.7	24.4	14.4	9.2	6.3	7.5	3.2	1.2	26.3
Nevada	17.1	28.9	26.1	11.1	6.5	3.7	4.5	1.8	0.3	23.5
New Hampshire	10.5	27.5	24.1	14.7	8.2	5.2	6.4	2.1	1.2	25.2
New Jersey	19.5	21.3	22.0	13.8	8.9	5.6	6.0	2.2	0.7	24.8
New Mexico	12.3	24.8	21.4	14.4	10.4	6.4	7.1	2.8	0.4	25.7
Totals										
USA + Territories	10.2	25.4	23.0	13.8	10.2	6.3	7.2	3.0	0.9	26.0
Canada	0.1	6.1	25.2	21.1	15.6	14.8	14.5	2.3	0.3	30.7
GED Testing Service	5.1	20.7	32.7	16.9	11.0	7.1	5.2	1.1	0.2	25.4
Program Total	8.3	22.2	24.0	15.1	11.1	7.6	8.2	2.8	0.8	26.7

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TABLE 2. Percent Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%)									Average Age
	-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
New York	11.6	24.0	24.9	14.2	9.7	6.3	6.4	2.2	0.6	25.4
North Carolina	5.2	21.4	24.5	13.4	11.0	8.2	10.4	4.5	1.4	28.2
North Dakota	2.9	19.8	25.2	16.8	11.4	6.5	11.5	4.4	1.5	28.6
Ohio	2.9	13.8	20.9	17.8	15.5	10.2	12.6	5.1	1.2	30.2
Oklahoma	3.2	24.1	24.8	15.2	11.4	7.6	9.2	3.3	1.3	27.5
Oregon	15.1	26.8	22.7	14.1	8.9	5.1	5.1	1.8	0.5	24.4
Pennsylvania	21.9	19.3	18.9	12.7	9.4	6.5	7.2	3.1	1.0	25.6
Rhode Island	2.8	23.5	26.6	14.5	17.2	5.3	6.8	2.1	1.2	26.6
South Carolina	17.6	24.8	17.8	11.8	10.0	7.2	7.9	2.6	0.3	25.5
South Dakota	10.0	27.5	23.8	15.4	8.7	4.1	6.8	3.0	0.7	25.4
Tennessee	0.7	27.0	20.4	14.5	12.6	8.9	10.7	4.4	0.8	28.4
Texas	13.3	23.7	22.2	14.5	10.0	6.8	6.6	2.3	0.5	25.5
Utah	11.1	38.7	24.8	11.7	6.5	2.2	3.0	1.1	0.9	22.8
Vermont	26.6	33.2	15.1	8.8	5.7	4.0	4.2	1.9	0.6	22.7
Virginia	7.3	25.3	21.9	14.5	10.6	7.8	8.1	4.0	0.6	26.8
Washington	16.2	24.2	22.9	14.3	9.4	5.1	5.3	2.1	0.5	24.6
West Virginia	7.1	24.7	19.3	13.5	11.7	8.6	10.4	3.9	0.8	27.7
Wisconsin	11.4	23.4	24.4	16.3	9.9	5.3	6.3	2.3	0.7	25.5
Wyoming	4.2	22.7	23.1	18.3	12.1	8.6	7.1	3.1	0.8	27.2
VA Hospitals	0.0	0.7	4.4	12.6	22.1	24.3	22.7	10.4	2.8	38.0
American Samoa	7.1	42.9	21.4	14.3	7.1	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	23.6
Guam	11.5	38.5	25.6	7.1	10.9	4.5	1.9	0.0	0.0	22.5
Micronesia	0.9	22.2	38.9	14.8	12.0	0.0	4.6	6.5	0.0	26.2
Puerto Rico	0.0	40.5	26.1	11.8	8.7	5.7	5.2	1.7	0.4	24.5
Virgin Islands	10.5	22.5	27.8	14.4	8.1	10.0	6.2	0.5	0.0	25.1
USA + Territories	10.2	25.4	23.0	13.8	10.2	6.3	7.2	3.0	0.9	26.0
Totals										
Canada	0.1	6.1	25.2	21.1	15.6	14.8	14.5	2.3	0.3	30.7
GED Testing Service	5.1	20.7	32.7	16.9	11.0	7.1	5.2	1.1	0.2	25.4
Program Total	8.3	22.2	24.0	15.1	11.1	7.6	8.2	2.8	0.8	26.7

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TABLE 2. Percent Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%)									Average Age
	-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
Alberta	0.0	7.9	23.3	25.0	17.8	12.8	11.6	1.6	0.1	29.7
British Columbia	0.3	11.7	25.2	21.1	17.2	12.2	10.3	1.8	0.2	29.1
Manitoba	0.0	2.6	28.2	26.3	15.4	11.7	13.3	2.3	0.2	30.2
New Brunswick	0.1	3.9	19.5	18.0	19.2	18.3	17.7	3.2	0.3	32.5
Newfoundland	0.0	8.4	28.1	16.0	17.2	15.7	12.8	1.8	0.0	29.9
Northwest Territories	0.0	9.6	33.3	24.6	13.2	9.6	9.6	0.0	0.0	27.8
Nova Scotia	0.0	6.6	27.0	20.3	17.6	12.9	12.9	2.5	0.2	30.2
Prince Edward Island	0.0	10.2	22.4	15.1	15.1	16.6	18.0	1.5	1.0	31.1
Saskatchewan	0.3	2.4	23.3	23.6	19.0	13.3	13.7	3.0	1.2	31.5
Yukon Territory	0.0	2.4	40.5	19.0	9.5	19.0	7.1	2.4	0.0	29.3
Canadian Military	0.0	1.3	6.3	22.8	10.8	20.3	32.9	5.7	0.0	36.4
Canada	0.1	6.1	25.2	21.1	15.6	14.8	14.5	2.3	0.3	30.7
Am. Civ. Overseas	8.8	24.3	32.0	17.8	10.4	4.1	2.2	0.4	0.0	23.7
Corr. & Health Instit.	0.3	4.7	21.6	23.3	20.0	13.7	12.5	3.3	0.6	31.1
US Military Overseas	0.8	24.8	45.1	12.3	8.7	5.1	3.0	0.1	0.0	23.7
For. Natn'ls Overseas	11.2	22.5	29.8	17.4	6.7	7.5	3.9	0.9	0.2	24.4
CONUS Military	4.5	27.1	34.9	13.7	9.2	5.2	4.6	0.7	0.1	24.2
GED Testing Service	5.1	20.7	32.7	16.9	11.0	7.1	5.2	1.1	0.2	25.4
Totals										
USA + Territories	10.2	25.4	23.0	13.8	10.2	6.3	7.2	3.0	0.9	26.0
Program Total	8.3	22.2	24.0	15.1	11.1	7.6	8.2	2.8	0.8	26.7

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TABLE 3. Testing by Language & Special Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
Alabama	9,805	9,799	1	0	2	0	3
Alaska	2,429	2,424	2	0	0	0	3
Arizona	13,037	12,402	207	0	0	0	428
Arkansas	9,411	9,411	0	0	0	0	0
California	56,548	53,650	2,877	3	3	6	9
Colorado	9,211	9,211	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	6,107	5,681	409	0	8	0	9
Delaware	1,277	1,267	10	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	1,197	1,093	102	0	2	0	0
Florida	35,981	34,328	1,627	18	7	1	0
Georgia	19,033	18,959	71	0	1	0	2
Hawaii	2,272	2,271	0	0	1	0	0
Idaho	3,628	3,626	0	0	1	0	1
Illinois	30,231	29,485	686	3	14	2	41
Indiana	13,472	13,448	5	0	2	0	17
Iowa	6,902	6,892	3	0	2	0	5
Kansas	9,367	9,318	17	0	11	0	21
Kentucky	21,474	21,376	52	0	1	2	43
Louisiana	10,566	10,544	16	0	2	0	4
Maine	4,500	4,488	0	3	0	0	9
Maryland	11,580	11,499	52	0	6	0	23
Massachusetts	16,021	14,870	879	261	1	0	10
Michigan	27,563	27,493	41	0	9	0	20
Minnesota	7,183	7,175	6	0	2	0	0
Mississippi	9,752	9,725	2	0	1	0	24
Missouri	12,024	12,012	0	0	6	0	6
Montana	2,629	2,625	0	0	1	0	3
Nebraska	3,745	3,745	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	2,410	2,409	1	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	2,226	2,217	2	1	2	0	4
New Jersey	15,918	14,113	1,439	319	10	0	37
New Mexico	6,949	6,805	142	0	0	0	2
Totals							
USA + Territories	701,314	668,771	29,644	1,261	429	16	1,193
Canada	20,859	20,298	0	547	6	1	7
GED Testing Service	14,482	13,525	957	0	0	0	0
Program Total	736,655	702,594	30,601	1,808	435	17	1,200

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TABLE 3. Testing by Language & Special Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
New York	67,639	61,469	5,525	645	0	0	0
North Carolina	19,705	19,696	4	0	2	0	3
North Dakota	1,266	1,263	0	0	0	0	3
Ohio	22,151	21,826	28	0	2	0	295
Oklahoma	5,801	5,801	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	10,264	10,135	95	0	12	0	22
Pennsylvania	18,491	18,156	236	7	79	5	8
Rhode Island	3,271	3,183	84	1	2	0	1
South Carolina	6,529	6,525	0	0	1	0	3
South Dakota	2,413	2,408	0	0	2	0	3
Tennessee	19,754	19,708	3	0	14	0	29
Texas	71,161	68,906	2,035	0	200	0	20
Utah	4,154	4,142	8	0	2	0	2
Vermont	1,987	1,978	6	0	1	0	2
Virginia	14,920	14,852	59	0	4	0	5
Washington	15,165	15,087	69	0	3	0	6
West Virginia	7,762	7,734	0	0	0	0	28
Wisconsin	8,144	8,114	26	0	2	0	2
Wyoming	1,780	1,772	4	0	2	0	2
VA Hospitals	690	649	0	0	6	0	35
American Samoa	15	15	0	0	0	0	0
Guam	172	172	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia	109	109	0	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	13,314	507	12,807	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	209	203	6	0	0	0	0
USA + Territories	701,314	668,771	29,644	1,261	429	16	1,193
Totals							
Canada	20,859	20,298	0	547	6	1	7
GED Testing Service	14,482	13,525	957	0	0	0	0
Program Total	736,655	702,594	30,601	1,808	435	17	1,200

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TABLE 3. Testing by Language & Special Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
Alberta	3,811	3,811	0	0	0	0	0
British Columbia	5,703	5,691	0	9	0	0	3
Manitoba	2,096	2,092	0	4	0	0	0
New Brunswick	2,661	2,142	0	513	4	0	2
Newfoundland	743	743	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territories	114	114	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	2,877	2,854	0	21	0	0	2
Prince Edward Island	205	205	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	2,439	2,436	0	0	2	1	0
Yukon Territory	45	45	0	0	0	0	0
Canadian Military	165	165	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	20,859	20,298	0	547	6	1	7
Am. Civ. Overseas	1,135	1,111	24	0	0	0	0
Corr. & Health Instit.	4,600	3,684	916	0	0	0	0
US Military Overseas	2,492	2,490	2	0	0	0	0
For. Natn'ls Overseas	471	459	12	0	0	0	0
CONUS Military	5,784	5,781	3	0	0	0	0
GED Testing Service	14,482	13,525	957	0	0	0	0
Totals							
USA + Territories	701,314	668,771	29,644	1,261	429	16	1,193
Program Total	736,655	702,594	30,601	1,808	435	17	1,200

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TABLE 4. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Highest Grade
	5th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Alabama	1.0	2.9	9.7	20.5	30.4	31.8	3.6	9.9
Alaska	1.0	1.9	6.7	16.7	30.6	39.1	4.0	10.1
Arizona	1.1	1.4	10.2	17.8	29.3	34.5	5.6	10.0
Arkansas	1.5	3.3	11.5	20.7	29.8	33.2	0.0	9.7
California	1.5	1.2	4.7	10.9	26.9	47.8	7.0	10.3
Colorado	0.9	1.0	5.7	20.1	31.8	36.0	4.5	10.1
Connecticut	1.0	1.4	8.2	18.9	30.2	35.5	4.7	10.0
Delaware	1.0	2.3	11.3	26.3	31.5	26.5	1.0	9.7
District of Columbia	1.3	2.6	8.0	21.2	30.5	33.3	3.1	9.9
Florida	1.0	1.6	8.4	18.9	30.3	35.2	4.6	10.0
Georgia	0.8	2.0	8.2	20.2	31.7	32.2	4.9	10.0
Hawaii	0.5	1.0	3.6	12.8	31.1	47.5	3.6	10.3
Idaho	1.4	1.8	8.0	20.6	32.9	31.3	3.9	9.9
Illinois	1.4	1.5	8.2	16.3	30.7	36.6	5.4	10.0
Indiana	0.5	1.6	10.4	23.0	34.5	28.6	1.5	9.8
Iowa	0.5	1.6	10.9	18.4	34.2	30.2	4.3	9.9
Kansas	1.1	2.3	9.0	17.9	29.5	36.7	3.5	10.0
Kentucky	1.4	3.8	15.7	24.2	29.7	24.0	1.3	9.5
Louisiana	1.2	3.6	11.1	22.6	31.7	28.2	1.6	9.7
Maine	0.6	1.5	10.6	24.7	29.4	30.4	2.8	9.8
Maryland	5.9	6.7	10.2	38.4	20.6	16.5	1.6	9.2
Massachusetts	1.8	2.8	11.5	23.0	29.8	26.8	4.3	9.7
Michigan	0.6	1.4	6.7	19.8	33.3	36.6	1.6	10.0
Minnesota	0.7	0.9	5.1	16.2	32.3	40.8	4.0	10.2
Mississippi	1.7	3.9	13.0	22.1	28.3	27.6	3.5	9.7
Missouri	0.5	1.7	9.6	20.3	32.9	31.8	3.2	9.9
Montana	0.6	1.7	10.4	20.1	29.0	33.1	5.0	9.9
Nebraska	0.6	1.4	7.1	20.5	32.6	32.6	5.2	10.0
Nevada	0.7	1.8	6.5	16.9	33.2	36.0	5.0	10.1
New Hampshire	0.4	1.6	11.3	22.8	32.2	29.7	2.0	9.8
New Jersey	1.5	1.2	5.9	15.9	32.3	33.2	10.0	10.2
New Mexico	2.2	2.5	8.6	20.4	30.8	32.7	2.9	9.8
Totals								
USA + Territories	1.3	2.3	9.3	21.3	29.5	31.9	4.3	9.9
Canada	1.4	3.5	11.5	19.1	32.9	22.3	9.1	9.8
GED Testing Service	1.0	1.7	4.3	13.1	26.0	35.2	18.8	10.4
Program Total	1.3	2.5	9.3	20.4	29.8	30.7	6.0	9.9

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TABLE 4. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Highest Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
New York	1.5	1.5	6.4	17.2	28.7	33.4	11.1	10.1
North Carolina	1.1	2.1	11.4	24.9	32.8	25.9	1.9	9.7
North Dakota	1.2	1.9	12.3	22.0	27.8	31.0	3.9	9.8
Ohio	1.1	1.9	10.2	22.1	31.8	31.0	2.0	9.8
Oklahoma	0.8	1.6	8.0	17.9	30.5	37.2	4.1	10.0
Oregon	3.0	1.2	7.7	19.1	32.9	32.3	3.8	9.9
Pennsylvania	2.3	1.5	7.4	19.5	32.2	32.1	5.0	9.9
Rhode Island	2.1	5.3	14.9	21.3	28.4	23.1	4.8	9.6
South Carolina	1.1	3.1	11.6	23.7	33.2	27.3	0.0	9.7
South Dakota	0.7	1.7	12.1	20.8	30.9	32.0	1.8	9.8
Tennessee	1.3	3.0	12.6	20.6	29.2	29.4	3.9	9.8
Texas	3.3	4.0	10.3	21.6	28.3	29.1	3.6	9.7
Utah	2.7	0.8	3.5	10.9	25.0	43.8	13.2	10.4
Vermont	0.3	2.7	14.9	18.9	30.0	25.7	7.5	9.8
Virginia	3.4	10.1	3.4	21.0	30.7	29.2	2.3	9.6
Washington	1.2	1.8	7.7	19.2	32.0	34.2	4.0	10.0
West Virginia	1.1	4.0	13.0	24.2	30.1	24.6	3.0	9.6
Wisconsin	0.2	0.4	1.6	79.9	7.9	9.1	1.0	9.3
Wyoming	0.9	1.7	8.7	18.7	30.0	36.3	3.8	10.0
VA Hospitals	1.2	4.2	13.4	17.1	30.5	31.7	1.9	9.7
Guam	1.3	0.0	3.2	9.7	25.3	55.2	5.2	10.4
Micronesia	2.8	0.9	13.9	18.5	17.6	36.1	10.2	10.0
Puerto Rico	0.0	0.0	18.0	40.2	24.8	17.0	0.0	9.4
Virgin Islands	0.0	6.7	10.0	17.7	18.2	25.4	22.0	10.1
USA + Territories	1.3	2.3	9.3	21.3	29.5	31.9	4.3	9.9
Totals								
Canada	1.4	3.5	11.5	19.1	32.9	22.3	9.1	9.8
GED Testing Service	1.0	1.7	4.3	13.1	26.0	35.2	18.8	10.4
Program Total	1.3	2.5	9.3	20.4	29.8	30.7	6.0	9.9

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TABLE 4. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Highest Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Alberta	0.0	0.1	1.0	2.3	61.5	26.0	9.3	10.4
British Columbia	0.5	1.7	6.8	15.3	46.2	29.5	0.1	9.9
Manitoba	0.9	2.9	11.1	23.3	31.2	29.4	1.2	9.7
New Brunswick	1.6	4.9	14.4	21.7	29.9	21.3	6.3	9.6
Newfoundland	2.2	7.9	24.8	26.3	27.7	11.2	0.0	9.0
Northwest Territories	4.4	7.9	20.2	28.1	21.1	18.4	0.0	9.1
Nova Scotia	2.0	6.0	12.3	25.9	30.8	21.3	1.8	9.5
Prince Edward Island	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4	7.4	11.6	73.7	11.5
Saskatchewan	1.1	3.0	17.0	22.1	33.1	22.8	1.0	9.6
Yukon Territory	0.0	4.4	8.9	20.0	33.3	28.9	4.4	9.9
Canadian Military	3.2	0.0	10.4	18.2	40.3	25.3	2.6	9.8
Canada	1.4	3.5	11.5	19.1	32.9	22.3	9.1	9.8
Am. Civ. Overseas	0.6	2.0	4.9	14.5	28.0	37.6	12.4	10.3
Corr. & Health Instit.	3.9	3.1	10.2	18.1	26.8	28.1	9.8	9.8
US Military Overseas	0.0	0.2	1.9	10.4	29.9	41.6	15.9	10.6
For. Natn'ls Overseas	0.5	2.4	1.2	8.3	13.4	28.2	46.0	11.0
CONUS Military	0.1	0.5	3.0	14.0	32.0	40.6	9.8	10.4
GED Testing Service	1.0	1.7	4.3	13.1	26.0	35.2	18.8	10.4
Totals								
USA + Territories	1.3	2.3	9.3	21.3	29.5	31.9	4.3	9.9
Program Total	1.3	2.5	9.3	20.4	29.8	30.7	6.0	9.9

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TABLE 5. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1988	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study Number	%
Alabama	9,805	53	459	5,770	58.8
Alaska	2,429	31	66	1,136	46.8
Arizona	13,037	44	47	12,431	95.4
Arkansas	9,411	69	52	5,786	61.5
California	56,548	209	303	23,695	41.9
Colorado	9,211	39	114	3,005	32.6
Connecticut	6,107	28	90	1,983	32.5
Delaware	1,277	8	0	471	36.9
District of Columbia	1,197	1	3	755	63.1
Florida	35,981	72	597	18,714	52.0
Georgia	19,033	85	86	7,196	37.8
Hawaii	2,272	13	11	1,389	61.1
Idaho	3,628	9	6	1,660	45.8
Illinois	30,231	72	60	21,245	70.3
Indiana	13,472	78	9	5,505	40.9
Iowa	6,902	15	34	3,125	45.3
Kansas	9,367	41	256	6,477	69.1
Kentucky	21,474	47	328	9,634	44.9
Louisiana	10,566	52	29	7,223	68.4
Maine	4,500	75	23	2,164	48.1
Maryland	11,580	21	154	6,033	52.1
Massachusetts	16,021	39	237	9,087	56.7
Michigan	27,563	164	66	11,667	42.3
Minnesota	7,183	54	4	5,158	71.8
Mississippi	9,752	84	78	2,378	24.4
Missouri	12,024	26	582	NA	—
Montana	2,629	21	17	1,592	60.6
Nebraska	3,745	43	0	2,138	57.1
Nevada	2,410	21	9	971	40.3
New Hampshire	2,226	27	60	1,303	58.5
New Jersey	15,918	34	636	8,595	54.0
New Mexico	6,949	27	29	4,140	59.6
Totals¹					
USA + Territories	701,314	2,715	8,076	322,540	47.2
Canada	20,859	318	334	9,040	43.3
GED Testing Service	14,482	417	5,996	9,769	67.5
Program Total	736,655	3,450	14,406	341,349	47.5

¹ Total "planning further study" percents are tallied minus Missouri.

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TABLE 5. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1988	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study Number	%
New York	67,639	74	0	7,358	10.9
North Carolina	19,705	83	760	11,585	58.8
North Dakota	1,266	17	2	649	51.3
Ohio	22,151	89	0	12,690	57.3
Oklahoma	5,801	50	0	0	0.0
Oregon	10,264	43	647	6,163	60.0
Pennsylvania	18,491	82	59	3,766	20.4
Rhode Island	3,271	11	4	1,768	54.1
South Carolina	6,529	1	0	4,975	76.2
South Dakota	2,413	37	17	1,488	61.7
Tennessee	19,754	37	23	9,257	46.9
Texas	71,161	210	1,855	34,730	48.8
Utah	4,154	16	18	2,147	51.7
Vermont	1,987	18	17	542	27.3
Virginia	14,920	48	5	5,226	35.0
Washington	15,165	57	181	9,130	60.2
West Virginia	7,762	61	9	2,514	32.4
Wisconsin	8,144	68	15	3,811	46.8
Wyoming	1,780	37	15	773	43.4
VA Hospitals	690	57	4	349	50.6
American Samoa	15	1	0	0	0.0
Guam	172	1	0	8	4.7
Micronesia	109	6	0	75	68.8
Puerto Rico	13,314	7	0	10,994	82.6
Virgin Islands	209	2	0	116	55.5
USA + Territories	701,314	2,715	8,076	322,540	47.2
Totals¹					
Canada	20,859	318	334	9,040	43.3
GED Testing Service	14,482	417	5,996	9,769	67.5
Program Total	736,655	3,450	14,406	341,349	47.5

¹ Total "planning further study" percents are tallied minus Missouri.

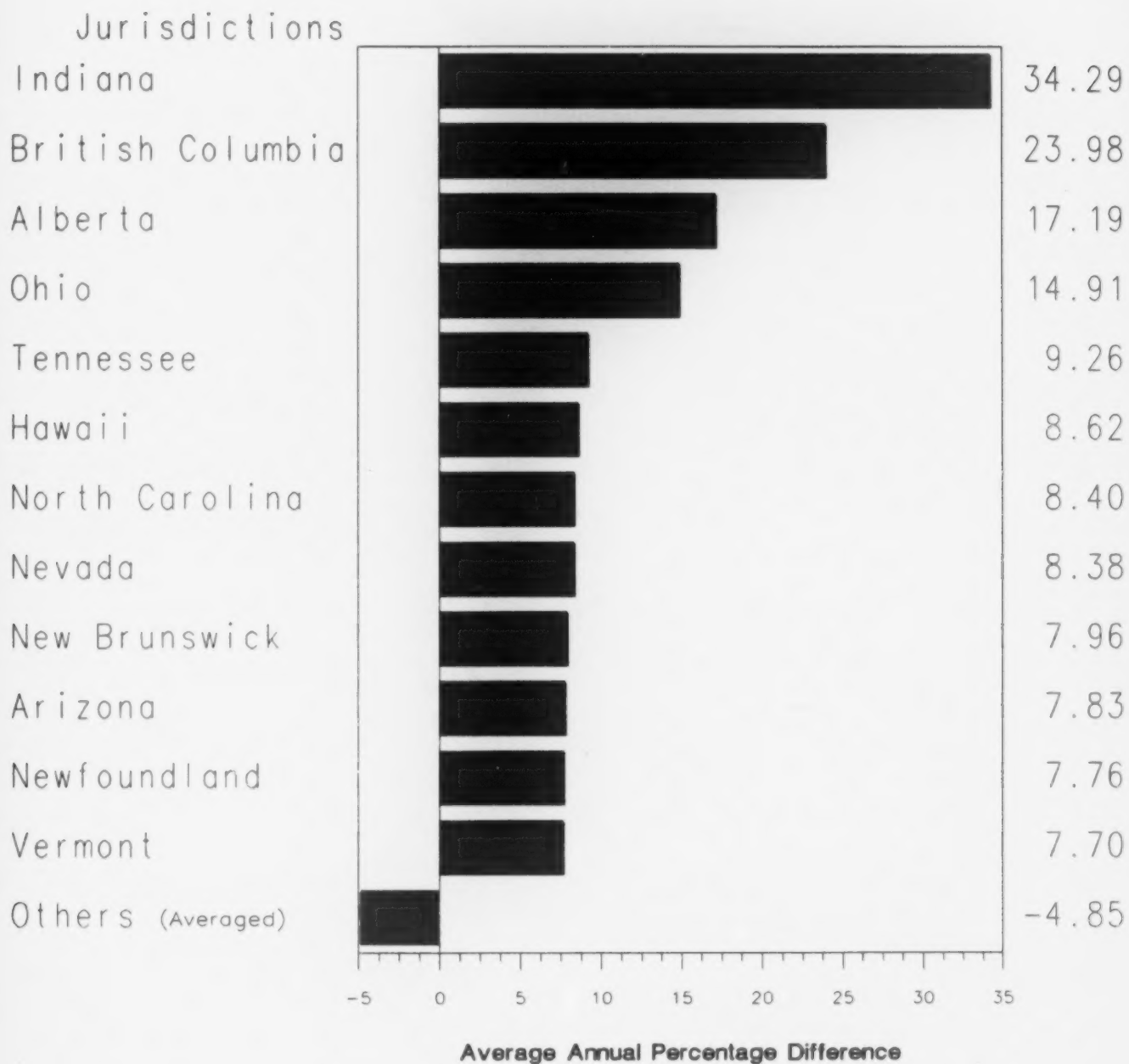
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TABLE 5. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1988	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study Number	%
Alberta	3,811	40	55	565	14.8
British Columbia	5,703	112	157	2,664	46.7
Manitoba	2,096	52	44	1,355	64.6
New Brunswick	2,661	15	78	928	34.9
Newfoundland	743	21	0	373	50.2
Northwest Territories	114	17	0	77	67.5
Nova Scotia	2,877	33	0	2,163	75.2
Prince Edward Island	205	3	0	96	46.8
Saskatchewan	2,439	20	0	680	27.9
Yukon Territory	45	4	0	37	82.2
Canadian Military	165	1	0	102	61.8
Canada	20,859	318	334	9,040	43.3
Am. Civ. Overseas	1,135	0	21	813	71.6
Corr. & Health Instit.	4,600	82	1	3,483	75.7
US Military Overseas	2,492	225	2,008	1,520	61.0
For. Natn'ls Overseas	471	72	1	401	85.1
CONUS Military	5,784	38	3,965	3,552	61.4
GED Testing Service	14,482	417	5,996	9,769	67.5
Totals¹					
USA + Territories	701,314	2,715	8,076	322,540	47.2
Program Total	736,655	3,450	14,406	341,349	47.5

¹ Total "planning further study" percents are tallied minus Missouri.

**FIGURE 2. High School Credentials Issued Based on GED Testing
Percent of Difference Between Years
1986 - 1987 - 1988**



Note: Six jurisdictions reporting less than 100 credentials are not in OTHERS.

Sources: 1986,87 & 88 GED Statistical Reports

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TABLE 6. Credentials Issued, 1971 — 1988

Jurisdiction	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Cum. 71-88
Alabama	7,637	7,154	7,781	9,116	6,486	176,335
Alaska	2,226	2,019	1,631	2,200	1,736	41,114
Arizona	6,614	8,079	7,852	7,971	9,098	116,788
Arkansas	5,670	6,646	7,147	7,552	6,375	93,208
California ¹	11,326	13,373	12,000	12,040	11,888	139,782
Colorado ¹	6,366	6,887	7,229	7,839	7,592	118,169
Connecticut	4,488	4,068	4,690	4,523	4,213	72,960
Delaware	901	812	865	829	768	14,785
District of Columbia ¹	1,074	861	850	850	461	23,359
Florida ¹	23,170	24,188	28,457	30,205	21,825	384,002
Georgia ¹	11,015	12,500	12,864	14,158	12,656	191,310
Hawaii	1,702	1,505	1,464	1,511	1,723	26,400
Idaho	1,144	1,045	895	738	899	16,129
Illinois	18,707	19,287	15,997	16,166	14,803	263,034
Indiana ¹	8,098	7,571	6,163	7,171	10,916	102,764
Iowa	5,123	5,106	4,925	5,137	3,858	81,081
Kansas ¹	6,599	5,711	5,973	6,060	6,479	118,961
Kentucky	9,947	9,537	12,556	14,815	12,885	190,449
Louisiana	10,348	10,177	10,200	9,684	8,592	171,321
Maine	2,855	2,821	2,934	2,953	1,932	42,965
Maryland	7,404	6,758	7,379	7,285	5,444	125,069
Massachusetts	10,372	9,970	10,057	10,177	10,928	150,548
Michigan ¹	13,732	11,137	12,681	11,494	12,578	207,569
Minnesota	5,611	6,000	5,682	5,591	4,311	99,895
Mississippi	7,311	7,051	8,609	8,887	6,189	114,681
Missouri	8,291	8,003	8,354	8,427	8,391	142,659
Montana ¹	1,627	1,616	1,737	1,887	1,820	36,486
Nebraska ¹	2,800	2,792	2,811	2,629	2,528	40,267
Nevada	1,910	2,059	2,228	1,977	2,531	31,388
New Hampshire	1,645	1,704	1,806	1,654	1,739	29,963
New Jersey	10,831	10,307	10,684	10,218	9,625	221,652
New Mexico	4,252	4,030	4,637	4,557	4,324	82,926
Totals						
USA + Territories	437,331	427,075	438,861	457,635	416,033	6,977,908
Canada	13,000	12,847	12,433	14,372	14,302	195,719
Program Total	450,331	439,922	451,294	472,007	430,335	7,173,627

¹ This jurisdiction's report may be incomplete because high schools also issue credentials based on GED Test results.

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TABLE 6. Credentials Issued, 1971 — 1988

Jurisdiction	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Cum. 71-88
New York	44,917	41,236	38,532	37,779	38,922	679,935
North Carolina	13,361	13,566	12,358	16,765	13,604	233,769
North Dakota	1,261	1,249	1,186	1,224	830	18,527
Ohio	18,372	11,590	13,025	13,999	17,127	181,599
Oklahoma	6,167	6,251	6,733	8,581	3,677	100,120
Oregon ¹	6,041	8,200	8,707	7,223	7,731	117,917
Pennsylvania ¹	18,934	17,668	20,073	20,756	11,601	293,511
Rhode Island	2,259	2,215	2,852	1,840	1,808	44,758
South Carolina	4,922	4,859	5,396	5,375	4,597	70,196
South Dakota	1,512	1,361	1,461	1,341	1,023	26,015
Tennessee	8,776	9,374	10,514	11,395	12,551	156,869
Texas	41,535	39,479	43,696	44,640	45,027	695,351
Utah	892	852	1,073	1,042	1,050	9,655
Vermont	1,400	1,429	1,167	1,687	1,195	20,894
Virginia	9,982	9,328	9,238	9,432	9,133	165,221
Washington	9,953	8,987	8,387	9,609	7,807	142,030
West Virginia	5,681	5,304	5,309	5,606	5,564	92,006
Wisconsin	8,249	8,153	8,011	8,468	4,603	123,057
Wyoming	1,689	1,426	1,417	1,323	1,270	22,416
American Samoa	14	14	27	14	14	523
Panama Canal Area ²	5	5	4	—	—	185
Guam	107	142	111	60	62	2,406
Micronesia	36	9	71	21	30	584
Puerto Rico	10,345	13,466	10,268	13,026	11,098	109,988
Virgin Islands	125	138	107	128	116	2,357
USA + Territories	437,331	427,075	438,861	457,635	416,033	6,977,908
Totals						
Canada	13,000	12,847	12,433	14,372	14,302	195,719
Program Total	450,331	439,922	451,294	472,007	430,335	7,173,627

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² The latest report from this jurisdiction is missing from this table.

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TABLE 6. Credentials Issued, 1971 — 1988

Jurisdiction	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Cum. 71-88
Alberta	2,260	2,323	2,112	3,204	2,649	16,897
British Columbia	3,158	2,984	2,930	3,474	4,495	53,533
Manitoba	1,153	1,231	1,276	1,482	1,434	29,890
New Brunswick	933	1,095	1,432	1,763	1,636	14,013
Newfoundland	599	467	450	535	517	10,927
Northwest Territories	76	118	110	65	66	1,235
Nova Scotia	2,100	2,088	1,573	1,856	1,716	27,887
Prince Edward Island	138	153	182	206	190	4,316
Saskatchewan	2,510	2,316	2,324	1,751	1,565	36,239
Yukon Territory	73	72	44	36	34	782
Canada	13,000	12,847	12,433	14,372	14,302	195,719
Totals						
USA + Territories	437,331	427,075	438,861	457,635	416,033	6,977,908
Program Total	450,331	439,922	451,294	472,007	430,335	7,173,627

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TABLE 7. Comparative Testing Data, 1949 — 1988

Year	Number of Official GED Test Centers	Number of People Tested	Percentage Meeting Score Requirements	Average Age	Average Years of Schooling	Percent Planning Further Study	Number ¹ of Credentials Issued
1949-58	² 587	³ 414,849	⁴ 77.8	⁵ 27.0	⁵ 10.0	⁵ 38.0	NA
1959	660	56,496	76.0	28.0	10.0	36.0	NA
1960	658	61,093	77.0	29.0	10.0	31.0	NA
1961	702	68,080	74.0	29.0	10.0	34.0	NA
1962	745	75,428	75.0	29.0	10.0	34.0	NA
1963	801	88,242	71.0	29.0	10.0	33.0	NA
1964	840	116,875	73.0	29.0	10.0	32.5	NA
1965	928	143,974	72.0	29.0	9.7	38.0	NA
1966	1,031	185,778	71.7	29.3	9.8	35.0	NA
1967	1,194	218,386	70.0	29.5	9.7	36.0	NA
1968	1,336	265,499	69.4	29.5	9.7	39.9	NA
1969	1,566	293,451	71.7	29.4	9.7	37.3	NA
1970	1,711	331,534	70.8	29.1	9.7	40.1	NA
1971	1,858	387,733	68.7	28.0	9.8	41.2	231,558
1972	1,997	430,346	67.4	27.4	9.8	44.3	248,790
1973	2,135	440,216	68.2	25.1	9.8	42.0	256,905
1974	2,421	561,203	68.9	27.2	10.7	40.0	300,674
1975	2,462	687,426	70.2	25.1	10.0	42.1	351,327
1976	2,549	696,623	67.8	25.4	10.0	39.4	346,490
1977	2,704	715,116	69.7	25.0	10.0	37.8	342,828
1978	2,708	674,724	NA	25.9	9.9	35.6	392,511
1979	2,799	773,996	68.4	25.3	10.0	40.8	445,426
1980	2,753	816,176	70.8	25.1	10.0	36.6	500,203
1981	2,900	804,813	72.1	25.1	9.9	46.1	513,549
1982	3,046	792,132	73.9	25.1	9.9	48.4	509,155
1983	3,009	772,080	73.1	25.4	9.8	48.6	490,329
1984	3,395	707,076	73.0	25.8	9.8	49.1	450,331
1985	3,371	711,392	72.4	25.8	9.8	51.3	439,957
1986	3,243	739,683	72.6	26.5	9.9	54.8	451,294
1987	3,314	758,367	74.1	26.7	9.9	49.7	472,007
1988	3,450	736,655	72.4	26.7	9.9	47.5	430,335

¹ NA = Data not available.

² Average number of centers for ten-year period.

³ Total for ten-year period.

⁴ Average percentage for years 1954-1958 only.

⁵ Data for 1958 only. Other years = NA.

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TABLE 8. Minimum Score Requirements for Issuing High School Equivalency Credentials

UNITED		STATES	
Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores ¹	Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores ¹
Alabama	35 and 45	Montana	35 and 45
Alaska	35 and 45	Nebraska	40 or 45
Arizona	35 and 45	Nevada	35 and 45
Arkansas	40 and 45	New Hampshire	35 and 45
California	40 and 45	New Jersey	² and 45
Colorado	35 and 45	New Mexico	40 or 50
Connecticut	35 and 45	New York	40 and 45
Delaware	40 and 45	North Carolina	35 and 45
District of Columbia	35 and 45	North Dakota	40 or 50
Florida	40 and 45	Ohio	35 and 45
Georgia	35 and 45	Oklahoma	40 and 45
Hawaii	35 and 45	Oregon	40 each test
Idaho	35 and 45	Pennsylvania	35 and 45
Illinois	35 and 45	Rhode Island	35 and 45
Indiana	35 and 45	South Carolina	45 Average
Iowa	35 and 45	South Dakota	40 and 45
Kansas	35 and 45	Tennessee	35 and 45
Kentucky	35 and 45	Texas	40 or 45
Louisiana	40 or 45	Utah	40 and 45
Maine	35 and 45	Vermont	35 and 45
Maryland	40 and 45	Virginia	35 and 45
Massachusetts	35 and 45	Washington	40 and 45
Michigan	35 and 45	West Virginia	40 and 45
Minnesota	35 and 45	Wisconsin	40 and 50
Mississippi	40 or 45	Wyoming	35 and 45
Missouri	35 and 45		

¹ Minimum scores of 35 and 45 mean that each test score must be at least 35 and an average of 45 on the battery is required. Minimum scores of 35 or 45 means either that each test score must be at least 35 or an average of 45 on the battery is required.

² N.J. = 40 on tests 1 - 3, 44 on test 4 and 43 on test 5.

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**TABLE 8. Minimum Score Requirements for Issuing
High School Equivalency Credentials**

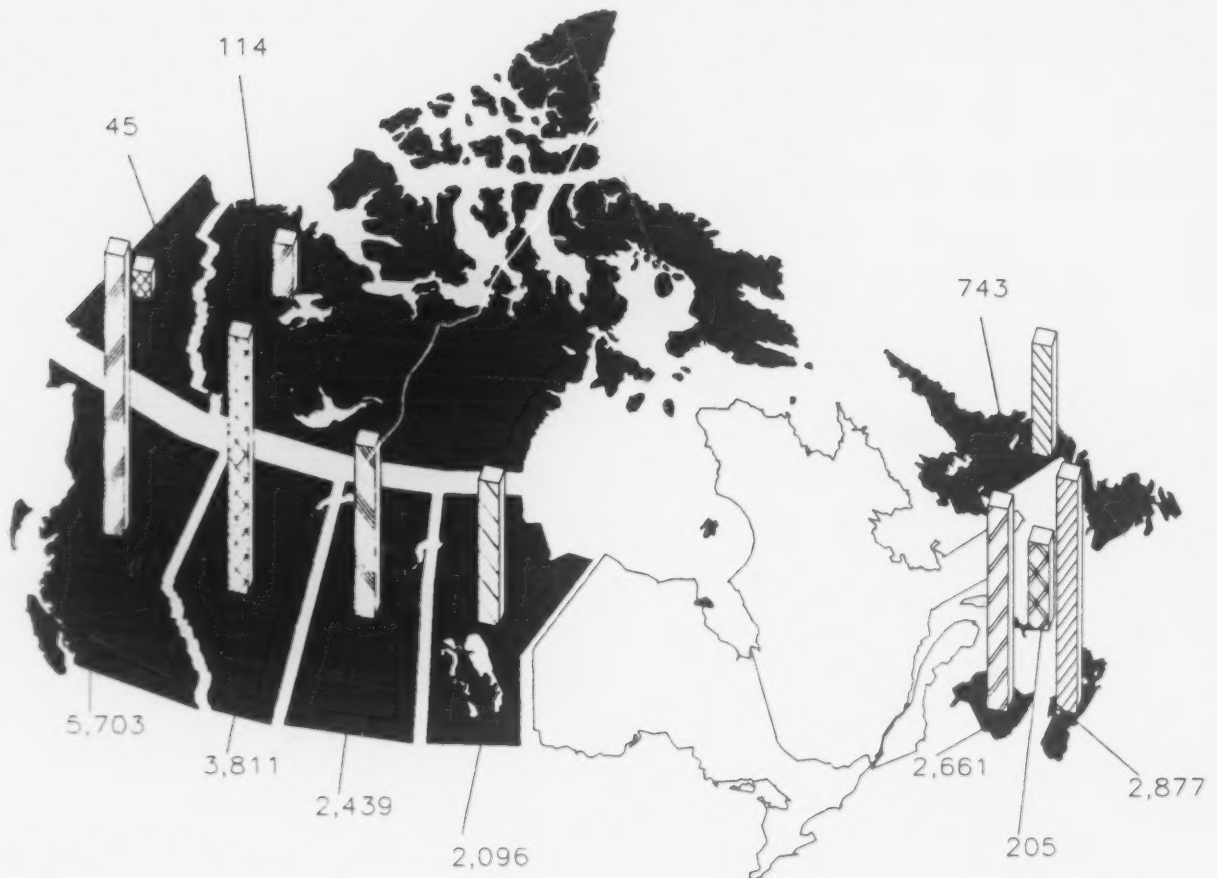
U. S. TERRITORIES		CANADA	
Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores ¹	Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores ¹
American Samoa	40 each test	Alberta	45 each test
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is.	40 or 45	British Columbia	45 each test
Guam	35 and 45	Manitoba	45 each test
Kwajalein Island	35 and 45	New Brunswick(English)	45 each test
Panama Canal Area	40 and 45	New Brunswick(French)	35 and 45
Puerto Rico	35 and 45	Newfoundland	40 and 45
Republic of the Marshall Islands	40 or 45	Northwest Territories	40 and 45
Republic of Palau	40 and 45	Nova Scotia	45 each test
Virgin Islands	35 and 45	Prince Edward Island	45 each test
		Saskatchewan	45 each test
		Yukon Territory	45 each test

Percentage of U.S. High School Seniors Meeting These Requirements

Minimum 40 or Mean 45	75%
Minimum 40 or Mean 50	71%
Mean 45	71%
Minimum 35 and Mean 45	70%
Minimum 40	70%
Minimum 40 and Mean 45	66%
Minimum 45	51%
Minimum 40 and Mean 50	51%

¹ Minimum scores of 35 and 45 mean that each test score must be at least 35 and an average of 45 on the battery is required. Minimum scores of 35 or 45 means either that each test score must be at least 35 or an average of 45 is required.

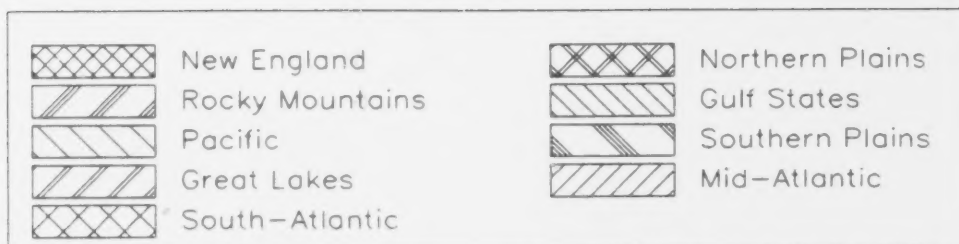
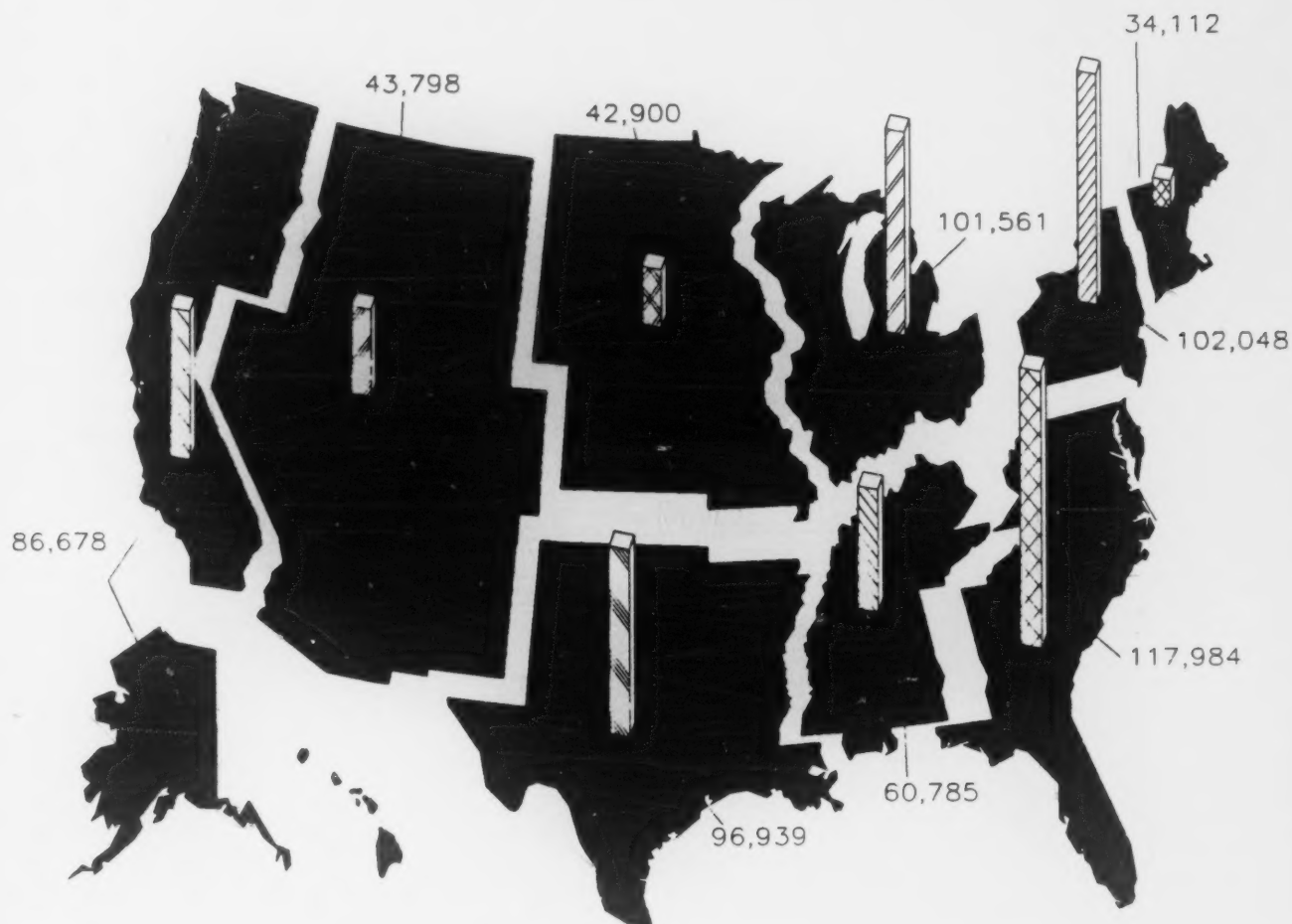
**FIGURE 3. Canadian GED Testing Provinces
Number of People Taking the Tests in 1988**



	Yukon Territory		Northwest Terr.
	Prince Edward Is.		Newfoundland
	Manitoba		Saskatchewan
	New Brunswick		Nova Scotia
	Alberta		British Columbia

Source: 1988 GED Statistical Report

**FIGURE 4. United States GED Testing Regions
Number of People Taking the Tests in 1988**



Source: 1988 GED Statistical Report

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